

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 07-023

Proclaiming February 2007 as Black History Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County is strengthened and enriched by the diversity of cultures and traditions that are an integral part of this great region.
- b. Multnomah County is committed to culturally specific programs and values cultural competency as a vital component of service delivery.
- c. African Americans have played significant roles in the history of Oregon's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history.
- d. As a result of determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to Multnomah County, state of Oregon and United States, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts.
- e. 81 years ago, Dr. Carter G. Woodson began the celebration of Negro History Week. The impact and significance of that celebration was expanded and this year will mark the 31st Anniversary of Black History Month in the United States.
- f. Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the study of African American Life and History (ASALH), whose headquarters are in Washington DC. ASALH supports the study of African American History in homes, schools, colleges, churches, organizations, businesses, and government.
- g. In 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, which goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in our history that we can all draw inspiration from.
- h. Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The Month of February 2007 is Black History Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We urge community and government leaders, policy makers, business people, educators, and all residents of Multnomah County to celebrate the history and recognize the contributions of African American to our community, state, and nation.


ADOPTED this 1st day of February, 2007.


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